

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

Mass Intentions for the Week



**Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 17, 2016**

5:30 People of Ascension Parish
7:30 Agripina Gervo
9:30 Dong T. Vo
11:30 Joseph Curtis Cronin, First Anniv.

Monday, July 18, 2016

8:00 Luis & Eric Aponte

Tuesday, July 19, 2016

8:00 Jason & Jenny Lobo

Wednesday, July 20, 2016

8:00 Robert S. Hall

Thursday, July 21, 2016

8:00 Claire DeSantis

Friday, July 22, 2016

8:00 Salvatore Barbera

Saturday, July 23, 2016

8:30 Valothil Uthuppan
5:30 David Jenkins

Summer Mass Schedule

**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 24, 2016**

7:30 Melvin & Dorothy Evans
9:30 Ruth Payne
11:30 Anne Frederikson

**PARISH STEWARDSHIP
REPORT**

WE ARE A STEWARDSHIP PARISH

Ascension Parish is supported by people who place their faith and trust in God.

July 12, 2015: \$7,061.50
July 10, 2016: \$6,589.00
ParishPay June 2016: \$3,606.80

We thank you very much for your generosity. You always care for and support our Parish programs, ministries and plant maintenance.

**Readings for
Sunday, July 24, 2016**

**Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-3, 6-8/
Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13**

Frankly, wouldn't it feel like a major relief to slow down our rush to the finish line that we call a productive life? While our companies don't agree, Jesus says there is a better way to engage deeply with life, and we call it contemplation. Today we see Mary, Jesus' dear friend in Bethany, simply content to sit at his feet and listen to his words. She is taking in Jesus' whole presence watching him, waiting upon his next thought and not really thinking about the dinner.

Martha is not wrong in wanting to offer hospitality to her honored guest. But can't you almost imagine Jesus saying something like, "Martha, quit jumping around, come and sit down with us. I've been eager to see you both. And stop fussing--just give me some wine; let's eat later, so we can spend more time visiting."

Jesus is calling us to live that deeper life by contemplating all that is around us. It means a prayerful watching, observing, and absorbing the beauty, sometimes struggling with the confusion or conflicts we encounter but doing so from a peaceful center where we entrust and place everything we encounter into God's hands.

Like Mary, try to spend more minutes each day taking long, loving looks at life around you. Adopt the slogan, "Look, Listen, and Love." Without saying a word, we begin to feel almost one with all of life and isn't that the goal of all human existence? Contemplation widens everything: our spirituality, our awareness of God's work in the world, our role. Keep looking, and listening and don't worry about dinner. Jesus has a way of feeding our every need.

✠ Giving of our time is something we all can appreciate. We are asking for your assistance in volunteering your time every Tuesday afternoon at 2:00 to lead the rosary with the residents of Woodcrest Center in New Milford. If you would be interested in this ministry please see me or contact the rectory office.

✠ I know it's early, but I hope all of **our young men and women who will be going off to college**, and their families will put this on their calendar. We invite you to join us on Sunday, August 14th, at the 11:30am Mass, when we will give you a special blessing for God's guidance and protection, especially during this coming school year. Please join us.

Know that I pray for you every day. Please pray for me, too.
God Love You!



TRANSFIGURATION ACADEMY

Transfiguration Academy News



Summer Hours: Beginning Monday, June 20, the school office will be open Monday ó Friday from 10:00 AM ó 2:00 PM

Registration is Ongoing: Parents wishing to provide their children with a quality Catholic education and those looking for alternatives to public school are encouraged to consider Transfiguration Academy. Please visit our website at transfigurationacademy.org and follow us on Facebook to learn more about our academic, athletic and extracurricular offering. **For more information and/or to schedule a tour of the school, located at 10 Bradley Avenue in Bergenfield, please email principal@transfigurationacademy.org or call the school office at 201-384-3627.**

SCHOOL SUPPLY COLLECTION

Starting at the end of July, the Service Ministry will be collecting school supplies for children in need in our community. A box will be placed in the vestibule for you to drop off your donations. Your continued support to our ministry to those in need is greatly appreciated.

Items Needed:

- Composition Books*Spiral Notebooks*Loose-Leaf Paper
- Pencils*Pens*Crayons*Rulers*Protractors*Pencil Cases
- Markers*Highlighters*Erasers*Colored Pencils
- Childrens Scissors*3 Ring Binders*Math Compass
- Backpacks*School Glue

Once again, thank you for your support! God Bless!



VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR PARISH INFORMATION
WWW.CHURCHOFTHEASCENSION.COM



Registration for 2016-2017:

Registration forms the 2016-2017 School year. **Kindly fill out registration forms and return them with the fees to the Religious Education office. Late Fee of \$10.00 per application after June 30th.** If you are in need of a registration form you can download one from the Parish website www.churchoftheascension.com. All families that are new to the program are asked to come to the Religious Education Office (Mrs. Carbone off on Thursday) and pick up a Registration Form. For more information please call us at 201-836-3085.

First Communion Families may pick up the child's banner anytime during regular office hours.



Volunteers Needed:

- Ä We are in need of Catechists for our 1st & 3rd Grade program. Our 1st & 3rd grades meet on Sunday Mornings anyone interested is asked to call the Religious Education Office during the week.
- Ä Children's Liturgy of the Word Team member. This is a great opportunity for college students or student teachers to gain experience share their faith and work with students in a relaxed atmosphere. Anyone interested please, call the Religious Education office.

Religious Education Office Hours:

Monday ó Wednesday & Friday: 9 am to 4 pm

Closed: Thursday & Saturday

Other times by appointment

AVAILABILITY

SANCTUARY CANDLE (\$15.), BREAD & WINE (\$40.), AND ALTAR FLOWERS (\$50. each basket) for the week. Please stop by or call the rectory office to check availability.

Church of the Ascension
New Milford, NJ 07646

Office of the Pastor

Summer, 2016

Dear Ascension Parishioners,



Over 60 years of Faith and Service!

Christian Foundations for Ministry (CFM) program, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Newark, is a three year course of studies which meets eight weeks in the Fall, Winter and Spring:

Year I: Fall... Old Testament	Winter... New Testament	Spring... Sacraments
Year II: Fall... Church/Discipleship	Winter... Liturgical Year	Spring: Morality
Year III: Fall: Church History	Winter... Evangelization	Spring: Collaborative Ministry

CFM helps Catholic adults recognize their Baptismal call to exercise their stewardship of time and talent in service to Christ's Church and to the world. It is designed for catechists, liturgical ministers (lectors, Eucharistic ministers, ushers, music ministers), social concerns ministers, parish committee members, new parishioners, the newly-initiated who have completed the RCIA process, and any parishioner searching for a role in parish ministry.

There is a \$50.00 fee per course.

Won't you seriously consider becoming a part of the Christian Foundations for Ministry Program? Starting on September 12, YEAR I of CFM will be offered on Monday evenings from 7:30-9:30 PM in our Parish.

To register or for further information, please contact Father David at 201-836-8961 or complete the form below and return it to Father David.

Sincerely,

Fr. David

Rev. David W. Milliken



CHRISTIAN FOUNDATIONS FOR MINISTRY (CFM)



Name _____

Address _____

Telephone Number _____

_____ I would like to register for Year I of CFM. _____ I would like further information about CFM.

Rectory: 256 Azalea Drive Telephone: (201) 836-8961 FAX: (201) 836-5896

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"To everything there is a season..."

"a time to be healed..."

Rose D'Eufermia, Dolores Crowley, Ann Wall, Joseph Gorgone, Patricia Burke, Barbara Santore, Jim Keane, Marguerite Morris, Peggy Evans, Don Evans, Donna Van Kleeck, Margaret Polis, Theresa Ruocco, Elsa Obera, Jerry Gordon, Marie Oberst, Ana Tumang, Marcella Sweeney, Jean Francisco, Carmelo Abbruzzesi, Leonard Abbruzzesi, Kitty Tricarico, Rose Ann Bottcher, Joan Polis, Elnora Gordon, and those among us who are sick and in need of our prayers.

"a time to serve..."

Cpt. Jack Massingale, U.S. Air Force, Afghanistan
All Men and Women serving in our countries Armed Forces.

President Barack Obama, our National Leaders
and all World Leaders.

"...a time to die..."

Thomas Keegan, Alice Stevens,
Jerome Guce, Angelito Barredo

...and a time for every purpose under heaven"

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The SANCTUARY CANDLE
burns this week in loving memory of
Dong T. Vo

OFFERTORY GIFTS

Please let one our ushers know, prior to Mass, if you would like to bring the Offertory Gifts up to the celebrant. If Mass intention is one that you have requested or if for the intention of your loved one.

PARISH PICTURES WANTED!!

Do you have pictures of parish events that you would like to share with your fellow parishioners? If yes please transfer them onto a flash-drive and give it to Father David or drop it off at the parish office. We can then show the pictures on the monitor in the vestibule of the church for all to enjoy! Pictures of Special Events, Sacraments, Holy Day and Liturgical Celebrations are welcome. Thank you for sharing your Stewardship of talent with us!



Sunday, July 17, 2016

Food Pantry Sunday

Summer Mass Schedule

7:30am – 9:30am – 11:30am

Baptism ó 1:00pm - Church

Monday, July 18, 2016

Food Pantry Distribution

Tuesday, July 19, 2016

Woodcrest Center, Rosary - 2:30pm

Parish Events ó 7:30pm ó Gathering Room

Wednesday, July 20, 2016

Novena ó 7:30pm ó Church

Thursday, July 21, 2016

No events

Friday, July 22, 2016

No events

Saturday, July 23, 2016

Confession, 11:00am ó Church

Sunday, July 24, 2016*Parent's Day

Summer Mass Schedule

7:30am – 9:30am – 11:30am

Baptism ó 1:00pm - Church



**PARISH EVENTS MEETING
TUESDAY, JULY 19TH AT 7:30PM
IN THE GATHERING ROOM**

ANY EASY WAY YOU CAN HELP THOSE IN NEED BECOME A VOLUNTEER BAKER!

Every other month the Service Ministry of Ascension visits the Hackensack shelter to feed dinner to those in need. We always bring with us home-baked goods, which are a big hit with the clients. As we normally feed up to 50 people, we need help from volunteer bakers. All you need to do is to bake a cake, pie, brownies, cupcakes or cookies and drop them off at the rectory by 2 pm on the day of our serving. If a daytime drop is not possible, they can be dropped off the night before. (If you cannot bake, we will also accept store bought goods!)

Our next date is on Thursday, August 11th.

We could sure use your help. Thank you in advance for supporting our very important ministry!

True Freedom

True Freedom is found in our Lord Jesus Christ who liberated us from sin through his death and resurrection. As we rejoice with our fellow-Americans for the independence we enjoy in the United States, let us never forget those who are restricted by the chains of poverty. Why not celebrate your freedom by an act of kindness? One way to do this is by donating your unwanted clothing and shoes to the Catholic Charities donation bin located on our property. Thank you.

WE ARE LIVING STONES

Thank you to the many generous parishioners who have made their commitment to the We Are Living Stones campaign.

Our Parish Goal: \$592,239.00
Number of Pledges to date: 163
Our Pledges to date: \$284,586.43
Amount received to date: \$63,711.99

Remember our plan is to use the We Are Living Stones proceeds to address the following needs for our parish.

- *Entrance Vestibule Enlargement with ADA Restroom
- *Main Chiller Compressor Replacement (Church)
- *Five-Ton Air Handler in Church
- *Replace windows in Rectory

Our goal is within reach! With each additional sacrifice, our goal becomes that much more attainable. Please prayerfully consider what you can do to help us plan for the future of our parish.



MEMORIALS

THANK YOU to those who have contributed to our Memorials Fund. If you would like to contribute to this fund, please send your donation to the rectory with the coupon below. When an item is purchased we will notify you which item is in memory of your loved one. If you have any questions, please call Fr. David at the Rectory (201)836-8961. Additional Memorials: (circle appropriate memorial)

MEMORIAL CANDLES: \$150/1 Year
 \$20/30 Days
ALTAR BREAD AND WINE \$40 per week
ALTAR FLOWERS \$50 (per basket/per week)
SANCTUARY CANDLE \$15 per week

MEMORIAL FUND

Name: _____
 Address: _____
 Phone: _____ Donation Amt.: _____
 In Memory of: _____
 Date Requested: _____



**Please remember to patronize,
 GARDEN STATE AUTO BODY
 201-385-5155
 who help make this bulletin possible**



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2016
 Every year our parish family gathers together for a day of fun, food and friendship. Please consider sharing your time and talent for this special event.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
 MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK**

Yes, I would like to help out please contact me:

NAME: _____

PHONE #: _____
 (Please print & return to parish office. Thank You!)

50/50 RAFFLE

Don't forget to fill out and submit your 50/50 Raffle Tickets before you leave on vacation!



**SUMMER
 Vacation**

A thought concerning Summer contributions: Just a gentle reminder. Summer is the season for outdoor barbecues, beaches, and, of course, those well-deserved family summer vacations. While families spend hours planning ahead for those 3-day weekends and weeks out of town, they sometimes tend to overlook that their parish needs them even during the summer months. Envelopes are often forgotten. Our parish bills do not stop during the summer months. Please help us by making your offering each week. If you are away for vacation, please remember your missed offering the following week. Your good stewardship is so essential to our parish and is so very much appreciated.

HAVE A HAPPY, SAFE AND HEALTHY SUMMER!